

ISTQB® issues Worldwide Software Testing Practices Report 2015-2016

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The International Software Testing Qualifications Board, the most popular software testing certification authority in the world, released the results of a test practices survey carried out at world-wide level. The survey, with more than 3200 respondents from 89 countries, can be considered the largest in the world in the software testing domain.

“As a non-profit organization, with its mission of advancing the software testing profession, ISTQB® regularly conducts international online surveys to assess the trends in the software testing industry”, said Mr. Gualtiero Bazzana, ISTQB® President.

The survey covers several topics, ranging from organizational and budgetary aspects, to techniques/ processes/ tools, through to skills and competencies within software testing. We believe it provides useful information for all professionals involved in the testing market, as well as direction for further evolution of the ISTQB® scheme.

Some highlights of the survey are listed below:

- Budgets assigned to testing are large and keep on growing
- Agile based SDLCs are being adopted ahead of traditional ones
- Segregation of duties has become a standard practice from an organizational point of view
- Training and certification of competences are key factors in improving test skills
- Test automation has become very widespread in the market
- Performance, usability and security tests are gaining traction

“Leaders worldwide can measure actual trends as they are happening based on this survey report”, said Mr. Koray Ytmen, member of the ISTQB® Marketing Working Group and President of the Turkish Testing Board, who actively participated in carrying out the survey and analyzing the results. “This is an exciting time in the testing industry and the survey data is a driver for the significant evolution that ISTQB® is currently undertaking to ensure we develop and maintain syllabi that continue to reflect changing testing practices and that meet market demands”.

“Test budgets are still on the rise worldwide, highlighting the need of recruiting talents and spreading knowledge in the software testing domain”, added Mr. Yan Baron, Leader of the Market Survey Stream in ISTQB®, who managed the survey data definition, collection and analysis.

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About ISTQB®

The International Software Testing Qualifications Board (ISTQB®) is a non-profit organization, headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, whose mission is to advance the software testing profession. It is supported in its mission by 50 member boards. Thanks also to the Global Exam Providers, it has today a world-wide coverage and has issued as of June 2015 over 400.000 certificates